

# Makikihi School Community Newsletter

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## **17<sup>th</sup> September. Term 3.**

### **Dear Community**

The following is the Makikihi School news for Term 3. This has been a ten week term and a very busy one. There have been quite a few children absent with colds and flu. Hopefully the weather will improve for next term and we will have some hot sunny days.

### **RELIEVING TEACHER:**

For the first two weeks of Term 3 Mr. Palmer was overseas and Room Two children were taught by Murray Facer. They completed a Water Cycle study which the children found very interesting. The children enjoyed the two weeks with Mr. Facer but happy to see Mr. Palmer on his return. One of the younger children asked him if he had seen Father Christmas in Norway!!

### **ROOM 2 CAMP:**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> August the children went to Lake Tekapo on a school camp. The places they visited were the Waitaki Power Station, Tasman Glacier Lake, Mt. John Observatory, Black Stilts Recovery Programme, Mt. Cook Search and Rescue Centre, Mt. Cook School, Hermitage Hotel – Edmund Hillary Planetarium and Centre, Twizel Climbing Wall, Roundhill Ski Field, Skating Rink and Hot Pools. They had an action packed four days returning home on the Thursday. There were some very tired children (and adults). It was a great camp and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children have been doing follow up work, writing stories, reports and letters based on their experiences at camp.

A very special “thank you” to McCains for their generous donation of pizzas and corn. Also “thank you” to Makikihi Fries for their generous donation of chips for the camp. These food items from both companies were much appreciated.

### **B.O.T.:**

The Board has been working hard to keep up its role in managing the school. Roxanne Fenwick, the newly elected Board Chairperson, is very approachable should you need to talk about school matters. School policies are ratified every month and changes made if need be.

### **FRIDAY SPORT:**

The Waimate Cluster Active in Sport have been meeting at St. Patrick’s school in Waimate every alternate Friday for sport with rural, and some town schools. The children have enjoyed meeting children from other schools and learning new games and playing co-operatively.

### **ACTIVE SPORT:**

Every week Jonothan Nelson, a representative from South Canterbury Sport, takes the children for lunchtime sport. Jonothan is a N.Z. representative in the Paralympics for hand cycling. He enjoys working with the friendly country children.

### **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERS: (P.A.L.’s)**

Jessie Johnson, Jessika Williams, Keeley Armstong and Ashleigh Meyer are Physical Activity Leaders in the school. They organise games for the younger children and do a very good job during some lunchtimes and after Assembly on Fridays. The P.A.L.’s are supported by Lee King from Sport South Canterbury. Lee helps with ideas, planning and encouraging comments.

### **SCHOOL BUS:**

The school’s bus zone boundary in the north is by Springbank Road and to the south, just south of the Waimate State Highway One turn off (Nosh). The school offers a “door to door” service including Woolshed Valley Road, Hunter district, Hook district, and has an agreement with the Waimate schools to pick up children in Waimate should families so wish.

The bus is equipped with seat belts. Recently some more suitable restraints were purchased for the smaller children on the bus run.

### **GARDENS:**

Mr. Murray Facer, with the help of the children, have dug the gardens which are now ready to plant potatoes and peas. Other plantings will follow when the weather gets warmer.

### **ZERO WASTE:**

The children and staff are working hard to reduce waste as part of the Zero Waste School Education Programme which is designed to conserve water and compost waste.

### **ART:**

Miss Susanne Blissett, relieving teacher, encouraged the children to enter various items of art in the recent Artarama Exhibition at the Aigantighe Art Museum.

Jesse Johnson received a prize for his robot made from recycled door hinges. Very creative work.

The children did very well as there was a very high standard of work presented. The children enjoyed visiting the Gallery and viewing their own, as well as all the other entries.

### **MUSIC PROGRAMME:**

This term the Room One children have been working with Maori music including rakau sticks, line dance and action song, focussing on beat and movement.

Room Two have been creating music with "Garage Band" (on the laptop) and playing games to reinforce simple music rudiments.

### **WINTER SPORTS:**

Unfortunately the sports had to be cancelled due to wet ground conditions. Jessika Williams, Ashleigh Meyer and Keeley Armstrong took part at the Waimate High School Gymnasium for a gymnastic session. Some of the stations they took part in were the pommel horse, the rings, bars and beams. They enjoyed the experience.

### **MAKIKIHI HALL:**

The hall held its AGM recently. Mr. John Palmer is Chairman, Tracy Johnson secretary and Delia Munro Treasurer. A big thanks to the few people who look after the community hall. If you wish to make a hall booking please contact Tracy Johnson, 03 6895557.

### **TECHNOLOGY:**

Five of our Year 7 & 8 students travel to the Waimate High School every Tuesday morning for technology. They all enjoy the "hands on" experience that the lessons require in the specialised classrooms which the High School offers.

### **MAKIKIHI SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL:**

The Ministry of Education has approved plans to renew the cover on the pool. We are working to get this work done as soon as we can so that it is completed before swimming starts next term.

### **NETBALL:**

Six of our girls were playing Saturday netball for the Northern Club.

They really enjoyed the season. Unfortunately the weather wasn't always kind and they did miss a few games. Well done girls.

PGG Wrightson recently donated three netballs to the school. Thank you.

### **W.A.V.E.: (Wellbeing & Vitality Education):**

The children, with the help of Andrea Meyer, do cooking every Friday morning. They have made spiced apple muffins, scones, pumpkin soup, boston buns etc. The children enjoy the cooking as they get to eat what they have made and using produce they have grown in the garden.

### **WAIMATE SCOTTISH HERITAGE SOCIETY:**

The above Society recently held a colouring competition as part of their celebrations. The following children received prizes: Shya Cartwright, Molly Gould, Zoe McKinley, Taylor Kirk. Well done to you all.

### **MAKIKIHI COUNTRY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: (CWI)**

Several ladies belong to this group but they always welcome new members. The meetings take place every second Thursday of the month in the Makikihi Hall, 2pm mainly in the winter and 7.30pm in the summer. The group has projects throughout the year such as making up a basic toilet bag for Ronald McDonald House and the Timaru Hospital, make donations of homemade biscuits and cans of food to Senior Citizens and Lister Home. Recently they visited one of the van Leewen's Dairy farms, they sometimes go out for afternoon tea and have had a demonstration on "paint a plate". If you would like to make enquiries about joining please ring Agatha Heerink, president, 03 6895869 for further information.



**HOOK MOBILE KINDERGARTEN:**

The Mobile Kindergarten is held in the Hook Memorial Hall every Friday morning from 9am to 11am. There are many welcoming parents and preschoolers ready to make new friends and share local knowledge.

For more information please ring Karen Skilleter, Early Childhood Educator on 6898961.

**CAKES:**

If you need a cake for any occasion such as wedding, 21<sup>st</sup>, birthday, Christmas, anniversary etc. please contact Tracy Johnson, 03 6895557. Tracy's work is outstanding. She also makes Gingerbread Houses for Christmas but you will need to place your order in good time.

**TERM DATES:**

Holidays start from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Term 4 starts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October to the time the Waimate High School closes for instruction in December. This will probably be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**FUEL PROMOTION:**

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Makikihi School would be grateful for your support.

Community members are welcome to use the community newsletter for advertising meetings or for any news items they wish to make known. Please contact the school office.

I hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. It was encouraging to get so much positive feedback from previous community newsletters.

A special thanks to rural delivery men, both on No. 8 R.D. and No. 1 R.D. who deliver these community newsletters free of charge.

John Palmer.  
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*At Tasman Glacier – Room 2 Camp*



*At Mt. Cook Hermitage – Room 2 Camp*



*Enjoying Lunchtime sport with P.A.L.'s*

